



Euneva Herod Burleson Taylor

July 5, 1926 - October 25, 2023

Euneva meaning “full of life” was also known by family and friends as Neva, Mrs. Burleson or Mrs. B, Mrs. Taylor, Aunt Neva, and later by her young great nephew, Cooper, as simply “Eba”. She passed from this earthly life to be with her Lord and Savior on October 25, 2023, at the age of 97 with family at her side.

Euneva was born on July 5, 1926, in Richland, Texas. Her parents, Silvanus F. and Zora Compton Herod preceded her in death as did her dear brother, S. F. Herod, and his wife, Gloria Faye Magness Herod, also her husbands, Morris K. Burleson, and O. D. Taylor. She is survived by her niece and family, Holly, Steve, and Cooper Clay of Plano; her foster niece, Donna, and her husband Dale Story of Huntsville, Texas; her sister-in-law, Doretta Taylor of Nacogdoches; niece Jan Taylor of Fort Worth; and 18 more Burleson and Taylor nieces and nephews, numerous distant cousins, and cherished friends. Euneva's life was marked by a commitment to education and community service. She graduated from Richland High School in 1943 and furthered her education at Navarro College. Euneva's professional journey included various roles within the Navarro County Courthouse and a dedicated 33-year career at Navarro College from 1947 to 1980, where she undertook responsibilities in the registrar's office, including the handling of veteran affairs and foreign student affairs.

Euneva's unwavering faith and commitment to her community were evident throughout her life. She was a faithful member of the Richland Methodist

Church for an astounding 88 years. She never moved her membership on purpose. She was an affiliate member at First Baptist Church Corsicana and later at First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church both in Longview. She was a member of the Corsicana Chapter 118, Order of the Eastern Star, and a 79-year member of the OES. She was also a 25-year member of Longview Chapter 801 and National Active and Retired Federal Employees. No matter where she lived, she actively participated in church activities and supported numerous community and charity organizations. In 2017, she relocated to Highland Springs Retirement Community in North Dallas to be near family. She continued her spiritual journey by attending the Interfaith Chapel and engaging in various community groups. She also found a spiritual home at Plano's Christ United Methodist Church and Disciples Sunday School Class. Like her father, she enjoyed the outdoors and actively ranched most of her life with Burley and Taylor. She made many friends working at the Corsicana, Angus, and Buffalo Auction Barns after working a full week at the courthouse or Navarro College. Later in life, she truly enjoyed traveling with family and friends. It was always fun to hear about her latest travels and where she was planning to go next. She particularly enjoyed her trips to Yellowstone, Alaska, British Columbia, Panama Canal, Australia, Nova Scotia, Italy, Greece, Mexico, Latin America, and more sites within the US.

Visitation will be held from 2-3pm Sunday, October 29th at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home with Funeral Service following in the Chapel at 3:00pm. Burial will be held at Richland Cemetery.

Honorary Pallbearers are Steve Clay, Cooper Clay, Wade Clay, Dale Story, Mike Cain, Leo Grimone, Raymond Bates and Frank Marx

In lieu of floral tributes, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Euneva's memory to the Perpetual Care Fund of Richland Cemetery, P.O. Box 64, Richland, Texas 76681, or to a charity of your choice. Euneva's legacy of

love, faith, and dedication to her community will be cherished and remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Memorial video link below

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/NTJ5HWNG4QP7F7BH>

Cemetery Details

Richland Cemetery

Cemetery Road and State Highway 14
Richland, TX 76681

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
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Celebration of Life

OCT **29**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Euneva was admired by our Disciples Sunday School Class at Christ United Methodist Church as a faithful member who was always willing to share her love of God. Her educational background made her thoughts so welcome to all who were present. Prayers of comfort to all her family.* ”

Patricia Forbess - October 28, 2023 at 05:39 PM

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“ Aunt Neva though not bound by blood, you were the steadfast anchor in my life. You passed away at the age of 97, leaving behind a legacy of love and wisdom that continues to shape me every day. You had a remarkable ability to make even the most ordinary moments feel extraordinary. You were my confidante, my mentor, and my guiding star. I can still hear your soothing voice, telling me, "Life may bring its challenges, my dear, but with determination and a loving heart, you can conquer anything."

You taught me the art of kindness and generosity to pursue my dreams with determination. You always believed in me when I doubted myself and for that I am eternally grateful.

As the years passed, your steps grew slower, but your spirit remained indomitable. You faced the challenges of age with grace and resilience and your spirit grew among us all.

When you passed away at the age of 97, the world lost a remarkable soul, and I lost a second mother. But your memory lives on in every act of kindness, every moment of sharing your helpful hints, and every warm embrace I continue to share with others.

Aunt Neva, you may not have been bound by blood and as you always told me, it wasn't blood that made a family, but you were bound to my heart in a way that words can never truly capture. I will forever carry your love, wisdom, and grace with me, cherishing the precious memories of a beloved aunt who was, and always will be, like a mother to me.

Thank you for believing in me and loving me so much

Donna Story - October 27, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Euneva Herod Burleson Taylor.



October 27, 2023 at 12:00 PM

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“ I only knew Aunt Neva for about the last 8 years but oh so much I loved! Tatym cherishes a Pearl necklace she gave her one Thanksgiving when she was small and I love her handwritten recipes and cures for illnesses! 97 WONDERFUL years of memories and many will be carried in our hearts until we see her again. Hugs to all her family as this is one sweet lady that will be missed.

Nikki Mattison - October 27, 2023 at 09:28 AM